

and baseball. During his freshman year, the baseball team won the Junior College State Championship and the basketball team won the conference championship. His leadership and talent on the field led to his signing with the Cincinnati Reds in 1957, but a shoulder injury ended his career after playing with the team for only two years. Albany High School and Contra Costa Junior College later inducted Joe into the Hall of Fame. Albany High School also honored him as their "Athlete of the Century".

Joe married his high school sweetheart Bettye Willis in 1957 but they divorced in 1979. He later met Corrine Tucker and married her in 1984. From his unions, seven children were born: Adrianna, Doreen, Richard, Mitchell, Bruce, Tashia, and Jamareia.

Committed to the continued success of the family business, Joe became a partner in 1996, working tirelessly to ensure its success. For more than forty years, Dorsey's Locker continued to grow and thrive in the Oakland community, even providing jobs to community members in need. It was extremely popular for its live music performances and open mic nights until its doors closed in 2015. It was a vital community institution where lively discussion and important events took place.

On a personal note, I have known Joe for many years. He and Dorsey's Locker have been a part of my public and private life, supporting all of my efforts in extraordinary ways. Joe has been a true friend to me, my sisters Mildred and Beverly, and my late beloved mother, Mildred Massey. For this, we are deeply grateful.

Today, California's 13th Congressional District celebrates the extraordinary life and service of Mr. Joe Dorsey. I wish him continued success, happiness, and well-being for many years to come.

IN CELEBRATION OF LOTTIE ALBERT'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to wish my very dear friend Lottie Albert a happy 100th birthday. Lottie was born on December 25, 1915 to Eva and Louis Wernick in New York City. Twenty-one years later, Lottie married Sol Albert and the two enjoyed 55 years of marriage, and have two lovely daughters, Harriet and Doreen. Lottie is the grandmother to Eric, Glenn, and Lowell, as well as a great-grandmother to Kyle, Samantha, Heather, and Seth.

Lottie has been a resident and community leader of Broward County for over 40 years. I am truly grateful for her selflessness and tireless service.

In 1988, she was inducted into the Area Agency on Aging's Dr. Nan S. Hutchinson Broward Senior Hall of Fame. Additionally, Broward County honored Lottie in 2005 by declaring November 12th as "Lottie Albert Appreciation Day." In 2012, Lottie was inducted into the Broward County Women's Hall of Fame for her work with the Ann Storck Children's Center, the Elderly Interest Fund's MEDIVAN Program, and the Alzheimer's Family Center.

It has been my honor to witness Lottie's commitment and passion for serving her community. Her civic engagement is an example to us all. I have enjoyed a personal friendship with Lottie over many years, and look forward to celebrating her birthday with her on December 5th in Sunrise, Florida.

Mr. Speaker, on the momentous occasion, please join me in wishing Lottie Albert a happy and wonderful 100th birthday.

RECOGNIZING ABBIE LOU HAMPTON MARTIN

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Abbie Lou Hampton Martin for her exemplary service to the East St. Louis, Illinois community.

Mrs. Martin served on the St. Clair County Mental Health Board for over 20 years. She was the chairman and leading fundraiser of the Mental Health Fundraiser Initiative. Additionally, she was the first African American woman to serve as the Physical Education Supervisor for the East St. Louis School District Number 189.

Mrs. Martin is also the only surviving charter member of the East St. Louis Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. She was initiated into the Alpha Nu Chapter in 1937 at the University of Illinois Urban and served as its president from 1946 to 1947.

She has always been active with the sorority since its founding 79 years ago. She has served on numerous committees throughout her long and service-filled career as a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

In 2011, Mrs. Martin was honored for her service with the Wise Owl Award, an award given to those who have displayed outstanding service and commitment to their community.

On February 12, 2016, Abbie Lou Hampton Martin will celebrate her 100th birthday. I ask you to join me in both wishing her a happy birthday and thanking her for her many decades of dedicated service to the East St. Louis community.

HONORING ERIC POLLARD

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Eric Pollard, a true public servant whose leadership, loyalty, and dedication to his work has left an indelible mark on the Yonkers Public School System.

Teachers, administrators coworkers and parents all have wonderful things to say about Eric and the job he has done as Head Custodian of the School 16 Annex, located at 759 North Broadway in Yonkers. His reputation precedes him, due to his work ethic and dedication to the school. Principal Cynthia Eisner has lauded Eric, saying, "he makes sure that everything is not only in working order, but it is in tip top shape." In addition to his custodial

duties, Eric helps with arrivals and dismissals, serving as a de facto traffic officer, clearing the bus lanes of cars to ensure a smooth dismissal every day. The school's Assistant Principal, JoAnn DiMaria, has also praised Eric for his "leadership, loyalty, and dedication of the highest caliber in association with his responsibilities as Head Custodian. He supports and collaborates with custodial staff in the Main Building while consistently maintaining an immaculate environment where our children can learn."

A Yonkers resident himself, Eric resides with his wife, Lisa, and daughters Kamesha and Aaliyah in the district. He is one of six children born to Mildred and Claude Lee Sr. and has been a resident of Yonkers since 1967. He attended PS 8, graduated from Roosevelt High School, and has been employed by the Board of Education as a custodian since 1992. Eric is Yonkers through and through, and he epitomizes the hard work and dedication the community is known for.

On November 17th Eric is being honored with the 2015 Civil Service Employee of the Year Award, hosted by the Exchange Club of Yonkers and the Yonkers Public School system. It is my pleasure to congratulate Eric on this wonderful honor, and thank him for his years of service to the community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, due to pressing matters of public safety in my district, I missed the following roll call votes:

Roll call No. 638. I would have voted no. Roll call No. 639. I would have voted no. Roll call No. 640. I would have voted yes. Roll call No. 641. I would have voted no. Roll call No. 642. I would have voted yes. Roll call No. 643. I would have voted no.

HONORING BOY SCOUT TROOP 29 100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

HON. LEE M. ZELDIN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Boy Scouts of America Troop 29, which is located in East Moriches, New York.

Troop 29 was founded in 1915 and is celebrating its 100-year anniversary this year. Since its inception, over 1,000 young men have been involved in Troop 29, many of whom have reached great success later in life. Impressively, in Troop 29, 61 young men have achieved the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout.

Today, I would like to congratulate Troop 29 on its 100-year anniversary and thank the Troop's members for their dedicated service to our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF TERRY
NAGEL

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Terry Nagel, the retiring Mayor and member of the Burlingame City Council. The word "indefatigable" comes to mind when reciting Terry Nagel's public service.

Mayor Nagel joined the Burlingame City Council in 2003 after receiving the highest number of votes in any council race. She has served three terms as Mayor.

When she launched her council career, she had to do so in periodic darkness because the local power company frequently failed to supply Burlingame with electricity, largely owing to antiquated infrastructure that left the city prone to blackouts during storms. It should be noted that although the power company sometimes failed to provide electricity because of this old equipment, it found a way to buy modern equipment so that Burlingame customers could receive monthly bills for the erratic electrical service. Over several years, Terry Nagel pressured the power company to change its priorities and to spend millions of dollars to make sure the system is reliable, both for Burlingame and surrounding communities. She still receives phone calls during storms from residents who thank her for keeping the lights on.

While every council member shares in the success of a community, Terry Nagel initiated many of the most notable successes, including a recent rebirth of Burlingame Avenue that has given the town a beacon for families, newcomers and visitors. The project took many years to undertake and then to complete, but the results are indisputable. Burlingame's main street is attractive and distinctive, with upgraded businesses to match the beautiful public infrastructure. Terry Nagel can rightfully claim that she helped to create a welcoming and charming cityscape that will be enjoyed by multiple generations.

Mayor Nagel has promoted open government, fiscal responsibility and championed emergency preparedness. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority. She started the Burlingame Pet Parade, a fun-filled family event in Burlingame's community calendar. In conjunction with her public service, she created the Community Wish List that connects donors with over 80 community nonprofits.

She has extensive professional experience managing nonprofits and promoting such venerable institutions as the Stanford Law School. She is a former reporter for our local newspaper, and she is a graduate of the University of Washington, cum laude, where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English.

Mayor Nagel and her husband Jim Nagel have lived in Burlingame for 32 years. If you do the math, you'll realize that her family, including sons Matt and Greg and daughter Katie, have seen Mayor Nagel walk out the door in service to the public for nearly 40% of the time that she has lived in town. This represents thousands of hours outside the home, in dedication to her neighbors and generations yet to come. That's thousands of hours away from her family, yet her family has been rock solid in its support of her vision.

We rise today to honor a great leader of the City of Burlingame and my friend and colleague Terry Nagel. She says that her focus is on communication and building consensus. In fact, it is all of those things and more. She is the penultimate community steward, and although we wish her well in her next adventures, we can also truly say that she will be missed in the years ahead.

HONORING MARY V. KING

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues, Congressman MIKE HONDA and Congressman ERIC SWALWELL, to honor the inspiring life of an exemplary member of the East Bay community, Mary V. King. With her passing on November 15th, 2015, we honor her career of extraordinary service to the East Bay community and her lasting legacy.

As a young mother on public assistance, Mary was drawn into politics to improve the economic conditions of lower income residents. She successfully led a county tax initiative campaign that created new sources of funding for public transit and other transportation projects. In 1988, she became the first African-American woman elected to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors and was reelected twice. During her tenure, she authored several monumental policies, including the King Plan, a major land-use amendment to protect open space while maintaining sustainable development in unincorporated areas.

Mary also dedicated much of her time to improving the social services provided to lower income residents. Because of her advocacy, the Mary V. King Health Education Center, located at the Eastmont Wellness Center in Oakland, was named in her honor.

After leaving office in 2001, Mary worked as a private consultant specializing in government affairs, regional housing, and transportation issues. In 2009, she was appointed the General Manager of AC Transit, where she served faithfully until her retirement in 2012.

Mary also served on numerous local and regional committees, including the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC), the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), California Department of Corrections, and the Alameda County Central Committee. She also served as a Chief of Staff to Oakland Mayor Lionel J. Wilson and California State Legislator Bill Lockyer.

Throughout her career, she received numerous awards including the "Lifetime Achievement Award" from the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials; the "Allen E. Broussard Memorial Award for Outstanding Humanitarianism" from the Alameda County Bar Association; and the "George Moscone Memorial Award" from the American Society of Public Administration. In 2014, she was awarded the Metropolitan Transportation Grant award for her leadership as Chair of the Bay Bridge Design Task Force during the construction of the Eastern Span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge.

On a personal note, I will always remember Mary for her many contributions as a public servant, but more importantly, as a loving

mother, grandmother, daughter, and friend. Mary always put her family first. She loved and cared for her beautiful mother, children, and grandchildren in ways that I witnessed and admired. I was inspired by how she balanced her work and her personal life, always rising to the occasion in both. Mary's humanity was never destroyed by politics and power. She was authentic in all of her relationships, and she will be deeply missed.

Today, California's 13th Congressional District salutes the life of a remarkable individual and devoted public servant, Mary V. King. Her service has helped countless residents of the East Bay community and her contributions are innumerable. I join all of Ms. King's loved ones in celebrating her incredible accomplishments and offer my sincerest condolences.

INTRODUCTION OF THE TAXPAYER
RIGHTS ACT OF 2015

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 30, 2015

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, I have been introducing taxpayer rights legislation since 2004, and today I am proud to introduce the Taxpayer Rights Act of 2015, a bill that contains important provisions to improve services for and protect the rights of American taxpayers, particularly those with modest incomes. Senator CARDIN, who previously helped lead efforts in the House to pass the original Taxpayer Bill of Rights, is introducing companion legislation in the Senate. Many of these provisions are based on recommendations from the National Taxpayer Advocate, Nina Olson, who has long been a champion of improving taxpayer services and tax administration at the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

As former Nixon Treasury Secretary William Simon said, "The nation should have a tax system that looks like someone designed it on purpose." As we look for ways to improve the tax code to make it fairer and more transparent for all taxpayers, it is critical that ideas to help improve IRS service and accessibility are included in this conversation. Every year, millions of taxpayers file their returns with the IRS and inevitably issues of tax administration come to the forefront. These issues range from taxpayers not knowing their legal rights when interacting with the IRS, to taxpayers enlisting unscrupulous or poorly-trained preparers to help them complete one of their most important financial transactions of the year. This legislation aims to help prevent taxpayers from finding themselves in these avoidable situations, and to build on and improve taxpayer services provided through the IRS.

The centerpiece of this Act is the requirement that Treasury publish a Taxpayer Bill of Rights. The Taxpayer Bill of Rights is a simple and straightforward statement that enumerates all taxpayers' rights and obligations. As the National Taxpayer Advocate explained in her 2011 Report to Congress: "In a time when the IRS will feel pressure to bring in additional tax revenue, it is crucial to provide taxpayers with strong protection for their rights." Currently, these rights and obligations are scattered throughout the tax code and Internal Revenue Manual, making them neither accessible nor written in plain language that most taxpayers can understand.